

DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**MINUTES
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GOVERNING BOARD
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October 23, 2014

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Jim Dodson, on October 23, 2014, at Santa Clarita City Hall, Santa Clarita, at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jim Dodson, Chair; Richard Gould, Vice-Chair; Jim Hasenauer and Kathy Weatherman. Quorum present.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Laura Ratcliffe, Staff Counsel; Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger; Chris Trumpy, Project Analyst; Jerry Hidalgo, Project Analyst and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Members of the Public present: Barbara Blankenship.

III. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of July 17, 2013.

On motion of Jim Hasenauer, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of July 17, 2013 were unanimously approved.

IV. Public comment on matters not appearing on this Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.

No public comments were made on the agenda items or any other matter.

V. Review and approval of the Independent Auditors Report for fiscal years 2009-2013.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Jim Hasenauer, duly seconded, the Independent Auditors Report was unanimously approved.

VI. Report from Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority Ranger on park locations.

A report was given by the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman.

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Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Weatherman.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Ms. Weatherman.

<Barbara Blankenship, Acquisition Specialist for Open Space arrived at 10:47 a.m.>

VII. Report on Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority acquisitions at Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2014A public auction.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Trumpy and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Trumpy.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman.

Comments were made by Mr. Trumpy, the Chair, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 2581-012-900, 901, 903, 905 and 2581-013-005, 900, 901, 902, 903 from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Lopez Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Hasenauer and Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Hasenauer, the Chair, and Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 14-01 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 4453-016-902 and 4453-020-901 from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Carbon Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 14-02 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 2274-025-904 and 2274-026-900 from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Sherman Oaks, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 14-03 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 2821-008-901, 906, 2821-019-904, 906, 907, 908, and 909 from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Browns Canyon,

unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Staff Counsel, and the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 14-04 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements over APNs 4455-033-914, and 917 from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 14-05 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on the High Desert Corridor and the Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement Project between Interstate 5, State Route 14 and Interstate 15.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Hasenauer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 14-06 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Los Angeles on Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Antelope Valley Area Plan.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Hidalgo.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Messrs. Hidalgo and Hasenauer.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Messrs. Hidalgo and Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution 14-07 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Discussion and possible action regarding alternative energy projects in the Antelope Valley.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman.

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XVI. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.


No comments were made.

XVII. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

The Chair announced the next regular scheduled DMCA meeting is December 10, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Joseph T. Edmiston, Hon. ASLA, FAICP
Executive Officer

Jeff Olesh
Chair